



## **CITY OF LONG BEACH CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION**

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**TITLE:**                    **IDENTIFICATION TECHNICIAN I - II**

**DEFINITION:** Under general supervision, obtains latent prints; photographs, collects and preserves evidence at crime scenes; processes and compares prints using various chemical methodologies; and provides responsible and technical staff assistance.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

Grade Level I   -   Performs journey-level duties of the classification.

Grade Level II   -   Performs the more complex duties of the classification including latent print examiner, court recognized expert witness, and may perform in a lead capacity.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Participates in crime scene investigations to recognize, collect and preserve evidence including taking photographs, lifting latent prints, casting impressions, vacuuming for hairs and fibers including the use of laser applications;
- Compares latent prints with exemplar prints;
- Prepares, enters and compares latent fingerprints in the automated Cal-ID system;
- Prepares detailed reports of crime scene investigations, other activities and comparison results;
- Testifies as an expert in court on fingerprint comparisons, collection of evidence and processing of crime scenes;
- Prepares court exemplars;
- Maintains unit files and keeps records;
- Rolls inked impressions of suspects, victims and witnesses;
- Takes aerial photographs of crime scenes
- Consults with and/or assists criminalists, photographers, police officers, attorneys and officers of the court;
- Makes recommendations concerning equipment, policy, procedures and budget;
- May train personnel in collection and preservation of evidence;
- Communicates with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and identification units;
- May attend community meetings as a speaker;
- Performs other related duties as required.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

One or more years responsible experience in crime scene investigation including identification techniques, fingerprinting and/or photography of crime scenes with a law enforcement agency or similar employment;

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Willingness to work days, afternoons, nights and split shifts, week-end, overtime, on-call and holidays;

Must possess a valid California motor vehicle operator's license;

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing;

Knowledge of analytical and evaluative techniques for detecting evidence and interpreting significance.

Ability to operate computer terminal;

Completion of an approved fingerprint course, such as college level or FBI, DOJ course.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

An International Association of Identification (IAI) Latent Print Comparison Certificate; Criminalistic education courses or degree.

**HISTORY:**

Established 12/22/72,

Graded 10/19/88

Consolidated Fingerprint Classifier with Identification Technician I and Identification Technician with Identification Technician III: 10/26/88.

Deletion of Identification Technician III: 02/14/95

Approval/Adoption Dates: 12/15/94 - Human Resources Department  
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